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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: ROSENBAUM CASE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM BELL

1. PRESIDENT LAKAS' REACTION TO YOUR STRONG APPROACH REPRESENTED A STEP FORWARD BY PANAMA. BUT IT WAS TOO FALTERING.

2. WHAT WE MUST HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, IS A HIGH-LEVEL COMMITMENT BY PANAMA TO A SUITABLE RECOMPENSE, PLUS SOME PROMPT AND HARD EVIDENCE OF THAT COMMITMENT.

3. BEFORE YOU APPROACH LAKAS AGAIN, WE WANT TO CONSIDER HERE SEVERAL FORMULAE FOR PAYMENTS WHICH YOU MIGHT FEEL YOU COULD PROPOSE TO HIM.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WELL FOR YOU TO MAKE A STRONG APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD.

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5. IN THAT CONNECTION, AMBASSADOR BUNKER TELEPHONE AMBAS-

SADOR GONZALEZ-REVILLA ON SEPTEMBER 9 TO EMPHASIZE HIS OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL SUPPORT OF THE POINTS I MADE TO

GONZALEZ PREVIOUSLY. HE WARNED ESPECIALLY OF THE TROUBLE THIS MATTER COULD CAUSE FOR THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CONGRESS, AND URGED THAT IT BE RESOLVED SOON.

6. GONZALEZ SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE NOT ONLY TO BOYD BUT ALSO TO TORRIJOS. (SUBSEQUENTLY GONZALEZ TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT HE HAD READ ELLSWORTH LOUD AND CLEAR. HE ADDED THAT HE WILL BE PREPARING A LENGTHY CABLE FOR BOYD. HE ALSO ADDED THAT THIS IS NOT EXACTLY THE BEST TIME FOR BRACING PANAMA ON THE MATTER. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD, BUT...). KISSINGER

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